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NCDC APPOINTS FIRST ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF ENGINEERING

The Professor of Transport Engineering at the University of Leeds, England, Professor Coleman Anthony O'Flaherty, has been appointed the Commission's First Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, the Commissioner, Mr Tony Powell, announced today. It is expected that Professor O'Flaherty will take up his appointment towards the end of May.

Mr Powell said the appointment was for the period Professor O'Flaherty had been granted leave of absence from the University - until September 1976.

"Professor O'Flaherty will introduce skills and experience into the Commission which will have a great benefit at a time when the Commission is heavily involved in major transportation studies, and particularly with the introduction of stage one of a passenger urban-transit system for Canberra", Mr Powell said.

Professor O'Flaherty, who is 41 years of age, received his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the University of Ireland and took his PH.D. in Soil and Highway Engineering at the Iowa State University, USA in 1962.

He was a lecturer in Highway Engineering at the University of Leeds from 1962 until 1966 when he became Professor of Transport Engineering. In 1973 he was Commonwealth Visiting Professor, University of Melbourne before returning to England to resume his posts of Professor of Transport Engineering and Director of the Institute of Transport Studies.

His experience prior to his university posts included posts in bridge and construction engineering in Ireland, Canada and the USA and consultancy work. Professor O'Flaherty's professional qualifications are: Chartered Engineer, Member of the Institution of Highway Engineers; Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland; Fellow of the Institution of Municipal Engineers and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Transport.

He has had numerous papers published dealing with various aspects of transportation, planning and construction.

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